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1. In March 1953, the gasoline works in Boehlen shipped 7740 tons of gasoline. All was sent in the direction of the USSR, though the exact destination is unknown. In the same month, 3200 tons of fuel oil (gasoline base) were loaded. Since 18 March 1953, six or seven wagons loaded with tar have left the works. Ostensibly, these consignments go to Magdeburg, Bautzen, and Dessau.
2. The central supply camp of the Central Management for Training (HVA) in Bad Schandau, formerly the AVL in the harbor area, has received a shipment of three thousand gas masks and a large quantity of poisonous material. At the same time, twenty thousand pairs of boots from Erfurt and Weissenfels were delivered. All this was consigned to the Volkspolizei.
3. The Consumers' Slaughterhouse in Dresden produces canned goods. The slaughterhouse delivers 15,000 cans a month to the Volkspolizei Commissariat in Satzkorn.
4. The German Ball Bearing Factory in Boehlitz-Ehrenberg produced a total of 42,000,000 DM East worth of goods in 1952. The 1953 production is expected to reach 48,000,000 DM East. At the same time, consignments to the USSR, which in 1952 were 18,000,000 DM East, will be reduced by more than 3,000,000 DM East. This information comes from a report being prepared and translated for the Soviet Control Commission. In actual fact, however, consignments to the Soviet Union may be significantly higher, since deliveries for Poland, China, and other Satellites either go to the USSR or are counted against return deliveries for material. This material is treated as restoration of reparations goods for the Soviet Union. In March 1953, production was about 380,000 bearings. Of these, about twenty percent were vibration bearings (Schwinglager) and heavy bearings for the Soviet Union.
5. The amount of production and the kind of manufacture at the VEB Getriebebau Wetzlar has not been changed. There is, however, a new order for 450 light passenger automobile transmissions. This is to have five forward transmission blocks (Getriebeesperre). Final delivery date is 20 May 1953.

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6. In the areas of Gera, Gotha, and Arnstadt, it is observed that railroad work cars are being loaded with ammunition chests and grenades. These cars are from the home stations of Rostock and Schwerin in Mecklenburg. They are immediately pulled out by Soviet motors in the direction of Ohrdruf. On the night of 27 March 1953, three objects about three meters long and 1.5 meters wide, with the forward edge of each tapering to a point, were unloaded from these same cars. These objects, whatever they were, were packed with straw. They were placed on Soviet motor trucks with a loading crane. The bottom of the trucks was also thickly covered with straw.
7. In February 1953, the Geraetebau Schoenebeck delivered four loading stations to the Volkspolizei in Eberswalde. In March 1953 seventeen were sent to the same destination.

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